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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are the arrangements for the celebration of the Independence Day made on party lines or is it an all-party concern? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is done by the Government which means all the people and not any particular party."

Provincialization of hospitals.

* 221 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Government provincialized the hospitals in the State; and

(*b*) the special reasons for the Government to provincialize the hospitals at Tirukoilur and Virudhachalam and not to establish one at Gingee?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) In order to relieve local bodies of considerable financial liabilities and at the same time to expand facilities for treatment of all general diseases, the Government have been taking over five or six medical institutions every year maintained by local bodies for development as Medical and Surgical centres, subject to the availability of funds.

" The hospitals at Tirukoilur and Virudhachalam have not been provincialized so far."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" From the communication I received from the department, I got the information that only after provincializing the hospitals at Tirukoilur and Virudhachalam, they would think of Gingee. I want to know the policy of the Government in this matter. While it is the policy of the Government to provincialize hospitals at every taluk headquarters, why they are not opening a hospital at Gingee? Or are they going to provincialize only the existing hospitals under district boards and the subsidized hospitals under the control of missionaries? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Provincialization of hospitals is decided upon after the Government consider the recommendations of the Director of Medical Services on the subject."

Grant of house-sites to those evicted from Thandavankuppam village.

* 222 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether new house-sites were given to those evicted from Thandavankuppam village, in Neiveli Lignite Mines, South Arcot district?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir."

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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" அவர்கள் குடியிருந்த இடத்தை விட்டு அரசாங்கத்தார் கொடுத்துள்ள வேறு இடம் அவர்களுக்கு அசௌகரியமாக இருப்பதால் அவர்கள் வாழ்ந்த இடத்திலேயே வாழ்வதற்கு அரசாங்கம் வசதி தருமா ? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" My information is that the proposed site where they will be housed is one mile from the present site. The residents did request that they should be given sites in a village called Killikuppam which is within the lignite belt and it is quite possible that they may be asked to evacuate from that place next year if we give them sites there. Therefore, the Collector was asked to give sites from which they are not likely to be disturbed for some time."

Eviction of villagers of Thandavankuppam, South Arcot district.

* 223 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether any enquiry was made regarding a mahazar submitted by the villagers of Thandavankuppam in South Arcot district about their eviction from the village as mentioned in the Hon. Minister's reply to question No. 331 at page 1008 of the Official Report of the Madras Legislative Assembly Debates, dated 7th April 1953?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir."

Compensation for the lands requisitioned for the Lignite Investigation Project.

* 224 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether compensation is paid every year for the land requisitioned under the Defence of India Rules, in Lignite Mine area, South Arcot district?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No land has been requisitioned under the Defence of India Rules for the Lignite Investigation Project. Hence the question of payment of any compensation does not arise."

Training of clerks as Revenue Inspectors.

* 225 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of lower division clerks in the Tiruchirappalli district who have undergone partial training as Revenue Inspectors;

(*b*) why no facilities were given or, if given, why such facilities were withdrawn before the completion of their full period of training; and

(*c*) whether promotion of many lower division clerks has been held up for lack of the full period of training as Revenue Inspectors?